



MINUTES - Draft

City of Glenwood Springs Parks and Recreation Commission
Glenwood Springs Community Center

August 14, 2019 6:00 P.M.

1. Roll Call:
 - a. Commission: James Fosnaught, Andi Johnson, Bill Coleman, Laura Speck, Dawn Randolph, Aeson Akins
 - b. Staff: Brian Smith, Cristi Newton
 - c. City Council Rep: Steve Davis
2. Citizen Comments:
 - a. None
3. Approval of May Minutes:
 - a. Bill Coleman made the motion to approve the July minutes. Second by Andi Johnson. All in favor none opposed.
4. Ropes Course – Pine wirh Adventure Paragliding
 - a. Pine gave an overview of the ropes course and proposed location near their current paragliding launch location in a wooded area. The footprint will be a small linear area. Their proposal is intended to be low impact on the enviroment while being a great addition to Glenwood Springs. They will shuttle people in and not create more traffic on the road. They currently contribute to the road maintenance and will continue doing so.
 - b. Some concerns that were mentioned by commission members included impact on ajacent landowners and wildlife as well as parking and heavier foot traffic in the area.
 - c. Questions about how many people would they employ and would there be opportunity for teens to be employed. This is unkown at this time.
 - d. Bill Coleman made the motion that City Council continue to explore and investigate this proposal. The commission supports the project but would like more information and would like to see a proposed layout for the course. Andi Johnson second. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

5. Seventh Street Closure

- a. Request from Jenn Ooton for the Commission to weight in on their opinion on whether or not 7th Street should be opened to through traffic.
- b. A public meeting was held on August 14th to collect community comment. The discussion and input were mixed. Many downtown business owners felt it should be opened.
- c. Discussion about the pros and cons of opening it;
 - i. Bill felt that it would be unfair to the public to close it.
 - ii. Andi suggested that e-bikes and scooters be made available downtown so that visitors have options on how to get around town while reducing traffic.
 - iii. The City Engineer, Terri Partch advised that it stay closed. The area was designed to be a festival street. Bollards were designed to be raised and lowered as needed to open and close the street.
 - iv. James felt that there should be more options other than just open or closed. He understood business owners concerns about closing the road but felt that it would
 - v. Dawn suggested making it a single lane one-way road with a bike lane. Laura agreed that this was a good idea.
- d. Dawn Randolph made the motion to recommend to Council that 7th street be made a one-way road and that it be closed as needed for events. Second by Andi Johnson. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

6. Two Rivers Park Update

- a. The City was awarded a \$104,000 grant to be used toward the boat ramp and trail.
- b. Staff are currently in the process of writing and applying for additional grants.
- c. The bid for the project has been publicized and a Prebid meeting has taken place. Work will start as soon as possible if a bid proposal is approved by council.
- d. Bid reviews will be done around September 4th and will be presented to council at the September 19th meeting for their approval. James and Andy Mueller will attend the Council meeting as representatives of this Commission to voice support for approving and moving the project forward.
- e. Motion by Bill Coleman, the Commission will draft and send a letter expressing their concerns over the length of time this project has been in the planning stages for, their support of the project and asking that the

Council approve the improvements and move forward with the project as soon as possible. Second by Andi Johnson. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

- f. James will draft the letter and send it out for the Commissions review. He will also attend the Council meeting and speak on the commissions behalf.

7. Sayre Park Update

- a. This project is progressing. We will have a full update for this project at the September meeting.

8. Directors reports

a. 2020 Budget

- i. Staff are working on the budget for 2020. All budgets will remain bottom line neutral with the expectation of the Parks Budget. Parks will be eliminating the current contract for downtown maintenance and growing the department so that the work can be done inhouse by staff.

b. Yes Grant

- i. We are still waiting for the results of this grant. We did get

c. 6th Street Landscaping

- i. The proposal for 6th street came back and was a lot more than expected. The proposal will go before council for their review and approval at their August 15th meeting.

d. Sponsorships at the Ice Rink:

- i. The City has given GSYHA notice that they will not be renewing the sponsorship contract.
- ii. The Commission felt strongly that the revenue for the dasher board ads should be split with the City.
- iii. Staff will meet with GSYHA and report back to Commission in September.

Andi motioned we adjourned at 7:49 pm. Bill seconded the motion. All in Favor. None opposed. So moved.